**Study**

*Greek/Western*

“Application of the mental faculties to the acquisition of knowledge”

*(Webster)*

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**Study (My use of one part of one hemisphere of my brain)**

1. Is nowhere endorsed in Scripture (II Tim. 2:15 is a mis-translation in the KJV Bible).
2. Is self in action (Humanism - a false god).
3. Is self using reason (Rationalism - a false god).
4. Results in wisdom from below - earthly, natural, demonic (Jas. 3:15). For example, reason caused Peter to be at odds with the purposes of God (Jn. 18:10,11).

**Study violates the following biblical principles:**

2. Rom. 12:1 - I am using my faculties rather than presenting them to God to use.
3. Is. 1:18 - I’m reasoning, rather than reasoning together with God.
4. Gen. 3:5 - I’ve fallen prey to the temptation of the Garden of Eden that “I can know good and evil.”
Meditation (Hebrew/Lamad)

“To murmur; to converse with oneself, and hence aloud; speak; talk; babbling; communication; mutter; roar; mourn; a murmuring sound; i.e., a musical notation; to study; to ponder; revolve in the mind; imagine; pray; prayer; reflection; devotion” (Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance*)

*Old Testament numbers: 1897, 1900, 1901, 1902, 7878, 7879, 7881; New Testament numbers: 3191, 4304

Meditation (God’s use of every part of both hemispheres of my brain as He fills and flows out through my heart by His Spirit)

1. Is endorsed 18 times in the KJV Bible.
2. Is God in action within the individual.
3. Is God granting revelation through the heart and mind which has been yielded to Him.
4. Results in wisdom from above - pure, peaceable, gentle (Jas. 3:17).

Meditation applies the following biblical principles:

2. Rom. 12:1 - I am yielding my outer faculties to the indwelling Spirit (to “flow” - Jn. 7:38).
3. Is. 11:2 When reasoning together with God, I receive a spirit of wisdom and understanding and knowledge.
4. Jn. 5:19,20,30 - I’m living as Jesus did, out of divine initiative, doing what I see and hear my Father doing.